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Dear Mr. Naro:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Division of Analytical Chemistry is responding to your request dated March 18, 2008. The Forensic Drug Laboratory data is calculated according to the date the items are analyzed, and it does not include items that were analyzed by the Massachusetts State Police Drug Unit or the University of Massachusetts Medical School Drugs of Abuse Laboratory.

An additional category, "Not Tested," is included for your convenience. Items that are submitted but not tested by the MDPH Forensic Drug Laboratories include, but are not limited to, samples associated with cases when the defendant has accepted a plea in lieu of a trial, or cases when items are determined to be overly redundant. An example of overly redundant items is when paraphernalia is found with a controlled substance; the associated paraphernalia would not be tested for controlled substances.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 617-983-6651.

Sincerely,

Julianne Nassif
Director, Division of Analytical Chemistry

Items Analyzed in Calendar Year 2007 by the MDPH Forensic Drug Laboratories

	No Controlled Substance Found	Controlled Substance Found *	Not Tested
Amherst Laboratory	394	7,851	27
Boston Laboratory	1,204	30,049	3,058

* Several items in this category may be over the counter products.